

Monday, May 3

Status

- The oil is likely to move slightly southeast away from the Mississippi River Delta and Breton National Wildlife Refuge over the next two days. Winds are forecasted to shift to the southeast on Wednesday.
- The Mississippi and Alabama coastlines could be impacted by Thursday.
- Weather conditions have improved since the weekend and on-water recovery operations are expected to resume today.

The Response

- Roughly 100 Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response.
- Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge
Service personnel will begin building a berm today to protect Little Lagoon from Gulf water intrusion.
- Delta National Wildlife Refuge
Due to poor weather conditions over the weekend, Service personnel concentrated efforts on surveying and monitoring activities to detect and respond to wildlife and habitat impacts.
- Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
Booms are being deployed in the area today. The staff is completing assessments of the Reserve in anticipation of oil impacting the shoreline. Activities conducted include fish sampling, bird counts, sea grass collections and Terrapin turtle nesting surveys.
- A wildlife staging area is in place on Romere Pass at Delta National Wildlife Refuge and a second one will be located on Dennis Pass at Pass au Loutre State Wildlife Management Area. Any oiled wildlife discovered will be brought to one of the staging areas for evaluation and transport to the rehabilitation center in Venice.